

5 a memory for storing image data of a plurality of frames;

a state decision controller for determining, for each frame, a state of a frame of said image data stored in said memory [for each frame];

10 an operation panel for selecting any of said plurality of modes of operation; and

a selection prohibiting controller for comparing the state of at least two frames, as determined by the state decision controller, and for automatically prohibiting selecting an inoperable mode of operation of said plurality of modes of operation through said operation panel based on the result of said comparison.

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6. (Twice Amended) An image processing device in accordance with claim 4, wherein said state decision controller determines a frame size of said frame of said image data.

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13. (Thrice Amended) An image forming apparatus operable in a plurality of print modes, comprising:

a memory for storing image data of a plurality of frames;

5 a printer for reading said image data stored in said memory for each frame and for printing;

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a state decision controller for determining, for each frame, a state of a frame of said image data stored in said memory;

10 an operation panel for selecting any of said plurality of print modes; and

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15 a selection prohibiting controller for comparing the state of at least two frames, as determined by the state decision controller, and for automatically prohibiting [selecting] selection of an inoperable print mode of said plurality of print modes through said operation panel based on the result of said comparison.

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23. (Thrice Amended) An image forming apparatus operable in a plurality of print modes, comprising:

5 a memory for storing a plurality of print jobs, each print job containing image data of at least two frames;

a print-job selector for selecting one of said plurality of print jobs stored in said memory;

a state decision controller for determining, for each frame, a state of a frame of said image data contained in said print job selected by said print-job selector;

10 a printer for printing said image data contained in said print job selected by said print-job selector;

an operation panel for selecting any of said plurality of print modes; and

15 a selection prohibiting controller for comparing the state of at least two frames, as determined by the state decision controller, and for automatically prohibiting selecting an inoperable print mode of said plurality of print modes through said operation panel based on the

20 result of said comparison.

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28. (Twice Amended) An image processing device operable in a plurality of modes of operation, comprising:

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5 a memory for storing image data of a plurality of frames;